Fire Safety & Evacuation Planning

10 MINUTES THAT COULD SAVE LIVES

Topics

- *Fires in US Forces Europe*
- *Causes of Fires and Fire Death*
- *Fire Safety*
- *Evacuation Planning - On-the-Job*

Fires in US Forces Europe

- The U.S. Forces Europe has one of the highest fire rates in the military

- It's all over the TV and Radio, could we be next??

Computer Monitor Fire

A computer monitor left on over a weekend caused this fire resulting in $100,000 damage.

TURN OFF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES SUCH AS COMPUTER EQUIPMENT, CONVERTERS AND FANS AT THE END OF THE WORK

FAN FIRE

A wall mounted fan was left on over the weekend and resulted in a fire which caused damage in excess of $20,000.00

Fire Prevention is everyone's job.

Turn off electrical appliances including fans and computer equipment at the end of the work

Causes of Fires and Fire Death

- *Leaving Electrical Appliances (Montiors, Convertors, Fans, Etc) on Overnight or over weekends*

- USING EXTENSION CORDS IMPROPERLY

Fire Safety

- **<u>Do not overload outlets</u>** - get more installed

- **<u>Extension cords are temporary</u>**

- Practice good housekeeping techniques in the lab/office/work area don't leaves stacks of combustible materials laying around

- Inspect wires for possible damage and replace as needed

- Keep flammables away from ignition sources use storage cabinets

- Know your chemical properties (check the MSDS for flammable/combustible information)

- Do not block fire extinguishers or any exits with equipment
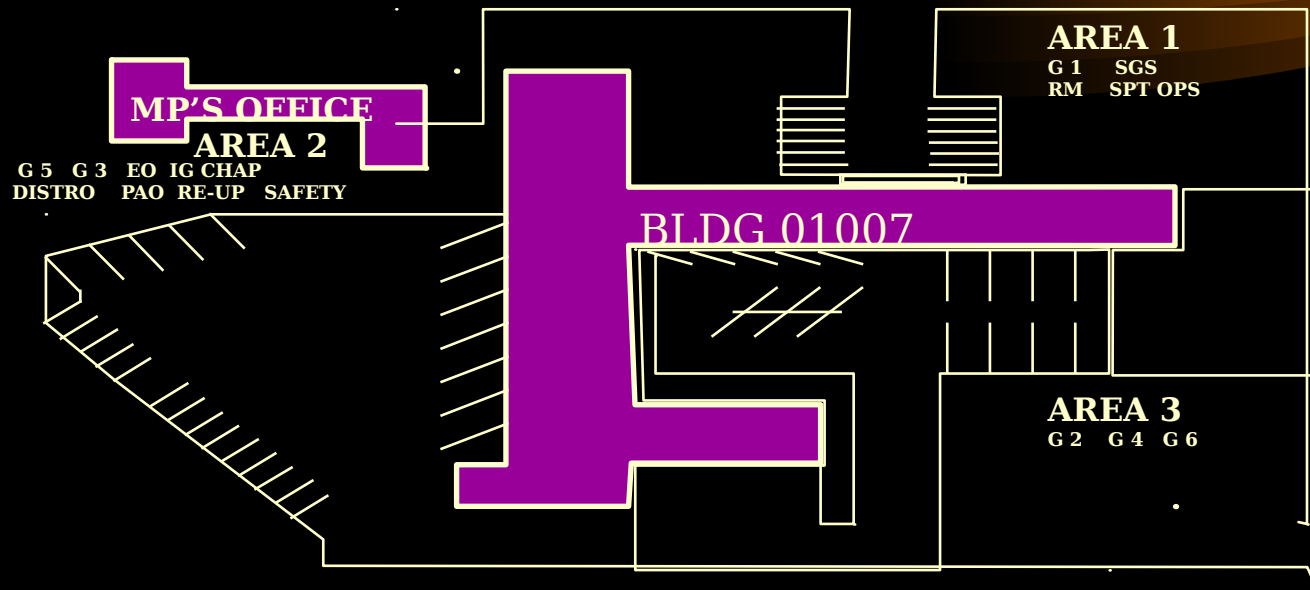
Evacuation Planning

- Know the way out from your work area.

- Know the location of the closest manual fire alarm station.

- Know the location of the closest fire extinguisher.

- In the event of a fire in a lab or work area dial the emergency number, evacuate the location or pull the manual fire alarm station. DIAL 117

- Review the location of the meeting place for the group in the event of a building evacuation.

In the event of a fire or fire drill you need to do the following:

- Close windows- IF TIME ALLOWS
- Turn off lights – IF TIME ALLOWS
- Close door on your way out do not lock it
- Proceed to the nearest exit and assemble in your designated assembly area
- Take a headcount to account for all personnel
- Section fire wardens should ensure all offices are empty on their way out.

The fire alarms only sound in the end of the building it is activated in & not in the basement. If you are near an end of the building or basement and do not hear the other fire alarms start shouting fire to get personnel out.

Assembly Area for Sections during
Fire Drills or actual Fires

AREA 1
G 1   SGS
RM   SPT OPS

MP'S OFFICE

AREA 2

G 5   G 3   EO IG CHAP
DISTRO   PAO RE-UP   SAFETY

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AREA 3
G 2   G 4   G 6

- **Each section will assemble in the area indi**
- **STAY OUT OF THE STREET, FIRE TRUCKS NEED LOTS OF ROOM.**